

# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



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### **Councilmembers Atkins and Madaffer Allocate Funds To Maintain Police Volunteer Programs**

#### **CDBG Funds To Help Train and Equip Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, Volunteers in Policing, and Crisis Intervention Programs**

SAN DIEGO — Last Saturday, June 21st, Councilmembers Toni Atkins and Jim Madaffer helped add a special flourish to the annual celebration for members of the San Diego Police Department's volunteer programs: they donated much-needed funds to help keep the programs alive for another year.

Atkins and Madaffer donated \$10,000 each from their respective district Community Development Block Grant reserve funds to pay for training for 180 new recruits and long-overdue new uniforms and equipment for the volunteers. The programs were scheduled to be cut as part of the on-going trimming in City services to help balance this fiscal year's budget.

The funds will sustain the Crisis Intervention Teams, Volunteers in Policing, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol.

"I strongly believe in these programs. They are vital to our neighborhoods and make a difference in our communities, so we can't afford not to keep them funded," Atkins said, before presenting the check from Council District Three to Acting Police Chief John Welter. "It's important that our police volunteers, who donate countless hours of their personal time to help keep San Diego one of the safest major cities in America, feel like their efforts are valued and appreciated. Finding the funds to make sure they have the proper training, equipment and uniforms was an easy decision for me to make."

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